The Cathedral Church of Saint George the Martyr
Jerusalem

Eucharistic Liturgies in use
from
Throughout the Anglican Communion

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Morning or Evening Prayer may be used in place of all that precedes the Peace and the Offertory, provided that the reading from the Gospel is always included, and that the intercessions conform to the directions given for the Prayers of the People.
INTRODUCTION

The Cathedral Church of St. George the Martyr, Jerusalem

Christians come from every part of the world to visit and worship in Jerusalem, the place where Jesus died and rose again. Christians, other people of faith and visitors are all welcome to the Cathedral. This holy space provides worship, hospitality and a meeting place with the Divine. Pray with us for peace and reconciliation among the people of God everywhere; pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

The five Eucharistic Prayers included in this booklet derive from liturgies in use in various Provinces throughout the Anglican Communion. We want all Anglicans to feel at home while in the City of the Resurrection.

The first Eucharistic Prayer, which has become known as The Jerusalem Eucharistic Prayer and developed at the Cathedral, was first used during the episcopacy of the Rt. Rev. Samir Kafity (1984 – 1998). It was translated into Arabic and now is used in many of the 27 parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The 1662 Book of Common Prayer remains the authorised text for four dioceses that make up the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

We hope you will find your time here at St George's, in Jerusalem and in the Holy Land, spiritually enriching and uplifting. For those who are visiting, please continue to pray for all who reside in this land when you return home.

The Cathedral Prayer

Gracious God, your love knows no limits. Fill our hearts with your compassion, open our eyes to your presence in the world, enlarge our minds to understand your will. Take our hands and minister through them, take our words and speak through them, and direct our feet in the paths of justice, peace, and reconciliation that Christ may be revealed in us and the world may believe.

Amen.
THE INTRODUCTORY RITE

A hymn (Processional), psalm, or anthem may be sung.
The people standing, the Celebrant says

† Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Ten Commandments may be used in Lent or other occasions,
or the following

Jesus said:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.
This is the first and great commandment.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these your laws in our hearts.

Here is sung or said:

Lord have mercy.  
Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy.  
Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy.  
Christe eleison.

Lord have mercy.  
Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy.  
Kyrie eleison.

The Gloria is not normally used during Advent and Lent.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Collect appointed for the Sunday is also used at celebrations of the Eucharist on the weekdays following, unless otherwise ordered for Holy Days and Various Occasions.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

People: Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

One or all readings, as appointed are read. The Gospel is always read.

THE FIRST READING

A reading from …

After the reading

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A psalm or canticle may be read

THE SECOND READING

A reading from …

After the reading

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A canticle or hymn may follow. (Gradual)

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to…
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON
The affirmation of faith is made on Sundays and other Major Feasts, all standing

THE NICE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.
THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The people may stand or kneel

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the prayers of all who ask in faith:

We pray for the holy catholic Church, for the Anglican Communion, the Archbishop of Canterbury... [according to the calendar]; for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East; for Archbishop Suheil; for our local clergy, parishes and institutions... [according to the calendar]

V. Lord in your mercy, R. Hear our prayer.
Grant that we, and all who confess your name, may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and show forth your glory in the world.

We pray for the nations of the world, for this land, and for current world situations of conflict and distress.

V. Lord in your mercy, R. Hear our prayer.
Give wisdom to all in authority and direct the rulers of this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace, that we may honor one another and seek the common good.

We pray for the local community, our Dean/Rector...our homes, families and friends.

V. Lord in your mercy, R. Hear our prayer.
Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors in Christ, that we may serve him in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for the sick, the poor, and the homeless ... for those in trouble or in need of guidance and for all who care for others.

V. Lord in your mercy, R. Hear our prayer.
Save and comfort those who suffer, that they may hold to you through good and ill, and trust in your unfailing love.

We commemorate the departed [and any saint to be remembered on this day... according to the calendar].

V. Lord in your mercy, R. Hear our prayer.
Hear us as we remember those who have died in faith, and grant us, with them, a share in your eternal kingdom.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.
THE PENTITENTIAL RITE

The Deacon or Celebrant invites the people to confess their sins, saying

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Or this

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all people.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
forgive us and strengthen us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

All Stand. The Celebrant says

We are the body of Christ.

People: His Spirit is with us.

People: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And Also with you.

Let us share with one another a sign of His peace.

A hymn may be sung (Offertory). The following prayers may be said

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

as the bread is offered

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

as the wine is offered

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.
The Great Thanksgiving

A choice of five Eucharistic Prayers follows.

THE FIRST EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Jerusalem Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All glory and honor, thanks and praise be given to you Holy Father, heavenly King, Almighty and Eternal God, at all times and in all places, through Jesus Christ your only son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born in Bethlehem to share our common life, and here in Jerusalem to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people to serve you for ever.

The proper / seasonal preface follows here

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious
Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.       Or       Dying you destroyed our death.
Christ is risen.       Rising you restored our life.
Christ will come again. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, and proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension. As we look for his coming in glory we celebrate with this bread and this cup his one perfect sacrifice.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love, and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father Almighty, in songs of never-ending praise.

Blessing and honor and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The service continues with the Lord’s prayer (on page 29).

THE SECOND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Church of the Province of Southern Africa

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. He is the Word through whom you made the universe, the Savior you sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary.

For our sake he opened his arms on the cross; he put an end to death and revealed the resurrection. In this he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

The Proper / seasonal Preface follows here.
And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we say / sing:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as the Celebrant continues

Lord you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my Body which will be given for you.”

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said: “Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting Covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the Body and Blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Lord remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with Suheil our Archbishop, and all the clergy. Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, with the apostles, and all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The service continues with the Lord’s Prayer (on page 29).
THE THIRD EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Episcopal Church, USA
The Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Proper / seasonal Preface follows here.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel, as the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer (on page 29).

THE FOURTH EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Anglican Church of Australia
A Prayer Book for Australia, Thanksgiving 2

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, faithful God,
always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son
and life-giving Spirit,
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.
At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing
a universe of beauty and splendour,
bringing light from darkness
and order from chaos.
You formed us, male and female, in your image,
and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.
You called us by name and searched us out,
making a covenant of mercy,
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,
joining with your faithful people of every time and place,
singing the eternal song:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as the Celebrant continues

When the fullness of time was come,
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.
Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in all things,
even to death on the cross,
breaking the power of evil,
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.
You raised him from death,
exalting him to glory,
and the new day dawned.
On the night he was betrayed
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,
his companions on the way.
While at table he took bread,
blessed, and broke it,
and giving it to them, said:
"Take, eat; this is my body."
He took a cup of wine,
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
"This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many.
Do this in remembrance of me."

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us for ever.
With this bread and this cup
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood
to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel
of Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer (on page 29).

THE FIFTH EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Church of England
The Book of Common Worship, Order Two

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest says

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God.

A Proper / seasonal Preface may follow.
Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you, and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. [Amen]

The people stand or kneel, as the Celebrant continues

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: “Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the New Covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.”

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

If the Lord’s Prayer is sung in Arabic, you may follow this transliterated music version (on page 30).
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Or

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Draw near with faith, receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

Or

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

During the ministration of communion, hymn(s) may be sung. After communion the celebrant may say the Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the + Father, the + Son, and the + Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

A hymn may be sung during the minister's procession

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

From Easter to Pentecost the celebrant uses this dismissal:
Go on Peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Cathedral Church of St. George the Martyr

The Cathedral’s dedication to St. George the Martyr is significant for two reasons: he is not only a local saint, as he was born in Lod near Jaffa at the end of the third century, he is also the patron saint of England. St. George’s was built in two phases, both in the neo-Gothic style. The first phase included the nave, built during the episcopacy of the fourth bishop, George Francis Popham Blyth, and was consecrated on St. Luke’s Day, 1898 by the Rt. Rev. John Wadsworth of Salisbury, as a collegiate church. The second phase added the crossing, quire, chapels and sanctuary, and was consecrated in 1910 by the Rt. Rev. Arthur Foley Winnington-Ingram, Bishop of London, as the Anglican Cathedral in Jerusalem. Since then there have been several additions, most notably the organ which was installed in 1984. The organ was built by the Rieger Company of Austria. Reiger specializes in constructing organs that require minimal servicing in places with wide variations in temperature and humidity, such as Jerusalem. The Cathedral has become home to two congregations – an indigenous community of Arabic-speaking Christians (often referred to as the ‘Living Stones’) and an English Speaking congregation, made up of many expatriates. Initially the Arabic congregation was at St Paul’s in West Jerusalem, but
moved to the Cathedral in 1953 following the 1948 war. Both congregations welcome you here.
The Cathedral Close is not only made up of the Cathedral, but also includes St. George’s Pilgrim Guest House, the Diocesan Offices (known as the Majma’), the Cathedral Office, the Archbishop’s residence and office, St. George’s College which runs short-term residential courses throughout the year, and St. George’s School across the road from the Cathedral.
Worship times are advertised beside the front door of the Cathedral and on the Diocesan website: www.j-dioce.se.org

Christian Ministry in the Land of the Holy One
Since the mid 19th century the Anglican/Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem has played its part alongside many other Christian Churches in the region. The Diocese of Jerusalem itself represents around 5000 Anglican Christians spread throughout the 5 countries highlighted on the map opposite. The total number of Christians, of all denominations, makes up less than 1.5% of the population of Israel/Palestine.
The ministry and mission of the Diocese of Jerusalem has three core aspects. The first is for the Diocese to be a church that is at heart pastoral: caring and loving the individuals and the communities in which it is present. The second is strategic: in that the Diocese seeks to be a Christian witness through its institutions. These institutions, which are mainly educational and medical, serve local needs irrespective of people’s ethnic or religious background, reflecting the servant King, Jesus. The third is as a bridge builder for peace and reconciliation. Through its ecumenical and inter-faith work the Diocese seeks to promote friendship, understanding and mutual respect.
Please do pray for the Diocese and its work. If you are able to help whether practically or financially, please do speak to a member of the clergy.

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